



**Sanganeb Atoll and Dungonab Bay - Mukkawar Island National Parks in Sudan:
Strengthening scientific partnerships to support the nomination of both Marine
Protected Areas as a UNESCO World Heritage Site**



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Room VIII

AGENDA

8.30 – 9.00	<i>Registration at UNESCO main entrance, 7 place de Fontenoy, 75007 Paris</i>
9.00 – 9.30	<p>WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS</p> <p>Mechtild Rössler, Director of UNESCO Heritage Division and World Heritage Centre</p> <p>H.E. Mr Nasreldin Ahmed Wali, Ambassador Extraordinary and plenipotentiary of Sudan in France, Permanent Delegate of Sudan to UNESCO</p> <p>Francine Cousteau, President of Cousteau</p> <p>Tim Badman, Director, IUCN World Heritage Programme</p> <p>Abdelraouf Elbadawi, Vice-chancellor of the Red Sea University</p>
9.30 – 9.45	<p>FIRST SESSION: Science Supporting the Potential Outstanding Universal Value of the Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)</p> <p><i>Moderator: Nada Al Hassan, Chief, Arab States Unit, UNESCO World Heritage Centre</i></p> <p>Marine Natural Heritage and the World Heritage List</p> <p>Ameer Abdulla, Marine Biodiversity and Conservation Science, IUCN Global Marine and Polar Program</p>
9.45 – 10.05	<p>The Preparation of the nomination file of Natural serial site of Sanganeb Atol and Dugonab Bay MPAs in the Red Sea State of Sudan, for Inscription to the World Heritage List</p> <p>Salwa Mansour AbdelHamid, Focal Point for World Natural Heritage in Sudan, Chairperson for National Man and Biosphere (MAB) Committee, Sudanese National Commission for UNESCO</p>
10.05 – 10.20	<p>From the Oscar winning documentary “The World Without Sun” to the Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) and Sharks and Rays project: Cousteau in Sudan</p> <p>Tarik Chekchak, Director for Sciences and Environment, Cousteau</p> <p>Rebecca Klaus, Cousteau Senior Advisor and PERSGA Consultant</p>
10.20 – 10.40	<p>Habitat Monitoring in Dugonab Bay-Mukawwar Island MPA</p> <p>Moamer Mohamed, Dean of the Faculty of Marine Science and Fisheries, Red Sea University</p>
10.40 – 11.00	<p>Shark and Ray Management Program in Sudan: Objectives, current findings and future monitoring to assist conservation and management planning</p> <p>Nigel Hussey, Research Associate, University of Windsor, Canada</p>
11.00 – 11h15	<i>Discussion on partnerships for the biodiversity surveys planned in 2016 (15mn)</i>
11.15 – 11.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.30 – 11.50	<p>SECOND SESSION: Management of Both Marine Protected Areas</p> <p><i>Moderator: Abdel Rahman El Mahdi, Managing Director, Sudia NGO</i></p> <p>Current and foreseen management of the Sudanese MPAs by the Wildlife Conservation General Administration, reflecting the national commitment of Sudan</p> <p>Nassereldin Mohamed Alamin, Sudanese Wildlife Conservation General Administration (WCGA), General Manager of the Marine Protected Areas, Port Sudan</p> <p>Yahia Adam, WCGA, Focal Point for Migratory Sharks, International Relationships</p>
11.50 – 12.10	<p>The Management Plan for Dugonab Bay and Mukkawar Island National Park</p> <p>Rebecca Klaus</p>
12.10 – 12.30	<i>Discussion on partnerships, capacity building and logistical needs for field missions planned in 2016 (20mn)</i>
12.30 – 14.00	<i>Lunch Break</i>

	<p>THIRD SESSION: Ensuring Stakeholders Involvement and Strengthening Economic and Educative Benefits</p> <p><i>Moderator: Tarik Chekchak</i></p>
14.00 – 14.20	<p>Involving and benefiting the local communities of Dungonab Bay - Mukkawar Island Marine Reserve Abdel-Rahman El-Mahdi, Rebecca Klaus</p>
14.20 – 14.40	<p>Increasing ecotourism potential in a context such as Sudanese MPAs. Dominique Verdugo, Sustainable Tourism Development Expert, Cousteau consultant</p>
14.40 – 15.00	<p>Conservation, Education and Research – The Deep Aquarium’s Mission. The potential of flagship species to raise the profile of an area: the example of sharks and manta rays in Sudan Graham Hill, Science Officer, The Deep Aquarium, Hull, United Kingdom</p>
15.00 – 15.20	<p>Ensuring stakeholders involvement: reaffirming commitment and charting a shared future for Sudan’s MPAs Abdel-Rahman El-Mahdi</p>
15.20 – 15.40	<p>Draft structure of a potential Sudanese MPAs website: a communication tool for Tourism, Conservation and Education Marcella Silva, Education and Communication Project Manager of Cousteau Abdel Rahman El Mahdi on behalf of Lisa George (Sudia)</p>
15.40 – 16.30	<p><i>Discussion and recommendation on sustainable tourism and engaging local communities (20mn)</i></p>
	<p>CONCLUSION</p>
16.30 – 17.00	<p>Concluding remarks Tarik Chekchak, Director for Science and Environment, Cousteau Nada Al Hassan, Chief, Arab State Unit, UNESCO World Heritage Centre</p> <p>Signature of a Memorandum of Understanding between Cousteau and the Red Sea University Francine Cousteau, President of The Cousteau Society Abdelraouf Elbadawi, Vice-chancellor of Red Sea University</p>

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